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IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following claim 2 and 39 for the pending claims with the same numbers:

✓ 2. (Twice amended) A method for the pulmonary delivery of one or more bioactive agents comprising the steps of:

E¹
providing a stabilized respiratory dispersion comprising one or more bioactive agents wherein the respiratory dispersion comprises a plurality of perforated microstructures suspended in and substantially permeated by a fluorochemical continuous phase wherein the volume of suspension medium displaced by the perforated microstructure is less than 70% of the average particle volume of the perforated microstructure;

nebulizing said respiratory dispersion with a nebulizer to provide an aerosolized medicament; and

administering a therapeutically effective amount of said aerosolized medicament to at least a portion of the pulmonary passages of a patient in need thereof.

Please cancel claims 13 -38.

9/39. (Twice amended) An inhalation system for the pulmonary administration of a bioactive agent to a patient comprising:

E²
a fluid reservoir;

a stable respiratory dispersion in said fluid reservoir wherein said stabilized dispersion comprises a fluorochemical continuous phase and a plurality of perforated microstructures comprising at least one bioactive agent suspended in and substantially permeated by the continuous phase wherein the volume of suspension medium displaced by the perforated microstructure is less than 70% of the average particle volume of the perforated microstructure; and

a nebulizer operably associated with said fluid reservoir wherein the nebulizer is capable of aerosolizing and discharging the stable respiratory dispersion.